

MINUTES

INDIANA AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

May 24, 2010

A special monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Indiana Area School District was held on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 7:38 p.m. in the East Pike boardroom, 501 East Pike, Indiana, PA. All members were notified of time and place of meeting, and a public notice was properly posted. The meeting began with the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following members present: Mrs. Billon, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Girardi, Mrs. Paccapaniccia, Mr. Schroth, Mr. Steve, Mr. Trimarchi and Mr. Werner. Mrs. Baker was absent.

Dr. Deborah Clawson, Superintendent; Mr. Dale R. Kirsch, Business Manager/Recording Secretary; and Ms. Trish Andrews, Solicitor, were also present.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Mrs. Paccapaniccia welcomed all the visitors to the meeting and announced again the town hall meeting for June 2nd at the Senior High.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Powers addressed the school board regarding the feasibility study.
Bill Meil addressed the school board regarding the feasibility study.
Rob Dillon addressed the school board regarding the feasibility study.
Christi Carnahan addressed the school board regarding the feasibility study.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Steve and seconded by Mr. Girardi that the minutes of the May 10, 2010 board meeting be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (Exh. 1)

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIER CONTRACT

A resolution was adopted at the March 8, 2010 board meeting approving participation in the ARIN Electric Consortium and entering into a contract with OnDemand to procure electric power starting January 1, 2011 and to provide other programs to manage electric consumption. It may be advantageous for the school district to lock in prices for electricity prior to January 1, 2011 and prices from suppliers are typically only good for up to 48 hours.

It was moved by Mr. Girardi and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Business Manager be authorized to enter into an electric supplier contract with the supplier providing the lowest pricing for electricity based on a competitive request for proposals process conducted by OnDemand. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

It was moved by Dr. Ferguson and seconded by Mr. Steve that the Board of School Directors hereby approves the expulsion of student No. 0910-09 as a result of a disciplinary hearing held on May 24, 2010. Further, the solicitor is directed to prepare a formal resolution and adjudication for the board's consideration. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- Curriculum – Revised K-12 Library and Revised K-12 ESL (Dr. Earman and teachers) (Exh. 2,3)
- Science Partnership with IUP (Dr. Earman) (Exh.4)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Municipal Revenue Service Proposal – Mr. Kirsch outlined a proposal from Municipal Revenue Service that would provide upfront funds from delinquent real estate taxes. Consensus not to proceed at this time. (Exh. 5)
- Budget – Mr. Kirsch presented updated figures and the following items were discussed
 - Millage
 - Projected ending fund balance and options to designate or transfer funds
 - Pay to play for student activities – consensus not to implement for 2010-11 budget
 - Fees for student teachers – consensus not to implement for 2010-2011
- Stadium Fencing
 - Administration to review options and report back
- Facility Study
 - Mrs. Billon reported on information she had obtained regarding the possibility of funds for Horace Mann as an historic building. Her findings were that funds do not appear to be available and it is questionable whether it would qualify because of changes that have been made to the building.
 - Mrs. Paccapaniccia described a timeline for the next few months that will be provided to the board members this week. She asked that any other options board members want to have considered be submitted so all can be considered at the same time.

Mr. Steve left at 9:45 p.m.

- Senior High Student Schedules vs. Cost Savings – Mr. Trimarchi's Question: Dr. Clawson reported on how arena scheduling is conducted in another school district and they report it has not resulted in significant cost savings, which was not its intent in their case.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Clawson announced bike to school day is Wednesday, May 26; the Senior High Solos/Recital Concert is Thursday, May 27, Baccalaureate is May 30 and graduation is June 3. Students' final day of school is Monday, June 7.

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced several student scholarships that were not recognized at the Awards Program because notification arrived after the event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. ICTC – Mrs. Billon reported on the graduating class achievements
- b. ARIN – no report
- c. Recreation Department – Offering tickets to parks; summer swimming program at the junior high pool may not be held due to maintenance of the pool.
- d. Olweus – no report

ENCLOSURES

Conference Resumes: Madeline Rupert (Exh.6) Susan Loughry (Exh. 7)
Craig Miller (Exh. 8)
ARIN-Minutes-May 18, 2010 (Exh. 9)
ARIN-Agenda-April 20, 2010 (Exh. 10)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Paccapaniccia announced that the next board meeting would be the regular meeting on June 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and that the town hall meeting is June 2.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the open meeting to conduct a disciplinary hearing and to discuss personnel and real estate issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Werner, seconded by Mrs. Billon and unanimously approved, the special meeting of the Indiana Area Board of School Directors of May 24, 2010, was properly adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Anise M. Markle, Board Secretary